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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Vincent L. Vaillancourt, deceased  
Serial No: 10/773,540  
Deposited: February 6, 2004  
Title: Needle Guard

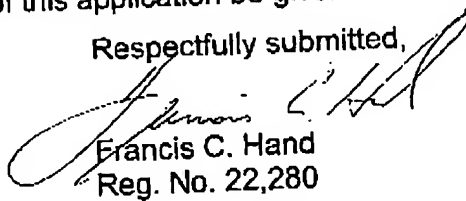
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**REQUEST FOR STATUS**

Sir:

It is requested that the status of this application be given to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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